

REMARKS

This paper responds to the Office Action mailed on February 25, 2004.

Claims 19, 20, 22, and 35-41 are amended, no claims are canceled, and no claims are added; as a result, claims 1-42 remain pending in this application.

Claim Objections

Claims 19, 20, and 35-41 were objected to because of informalities. With this amendment Applicant has amended the claims to correct the informalities, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the objection to these claims.

§102 Rejection of the Claims

Claim 22 was rejected under 35 USC § 102(b) as being anticipated by Merritt (U.S. Patent No. 5,828,095). The Examiner noted that the claim did not include the recitation of main pump pre-charge capacitors.

Claim 22 has been amended to include the following: “first and second main pump pre-charge capacitors coupled to one of the primary and secondary phase generators and coupled to the first and second main energy storing devices”. Therefore, amended claim 22 now distinguishes over the cited prior art of Merritt for the reasons set forth in the previous office action.

The Examiner is therefore respectfully requested to reconsider the rejection of claim 22.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant acknowledges the allowance of claims 1-21 and 23-41.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney (612) 349-9587 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

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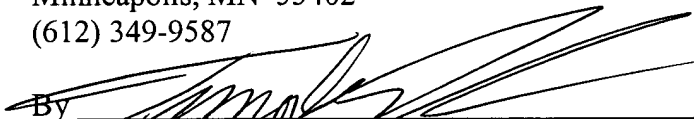
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